

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Special Meeting
Minutes - February 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Tomsic at 6:02 p.m. via ZOOM

Attendance:

Members: Carol Tomsic, Carol Landa-McVicker, Sally Phillips, Marilyn Douglas, Jerry King, Ruth May, Jim May, Theresa Bidowski, William Bidowski, Joan Zimmer, Hank Reimann, Marilyn Reimann, Marcia Milani, Charles Milani, Diane Birginal

Guests: Paul Dillon, Rob Boothe, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Andre Grageda

Carol announced that there would be three speakers on three subjects that affect our neighborhood. She also reported that the Altamont loop traffic study is finished and will be the subject of an extended LHNC March meeting.

Council member Paul Dillon gave an update on the city council and his proposed interim zoning ordinance concerning the definition of public parking. The purpose of the ordinance is to clarify which parking lot uses are permitted in Centers and Corridors. He said this will be presented as an emergency ordinance with the intent to address congestion issues and make centers and corridors safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. It is expected that this ordinance will be on the City Council agenda either March 4th or 11th. A copy of the Centers and Corridors Study can be found at:

[Centers and Corridors Study - City of Spokane, Washington \(spokanecity.org\)](https://www.spokanecity.org/centers-and-corridors-study)

Lt Rob Boothe gave an update on the Spokane Police Department Violent Crimes Task Force. He said that this Task Force which was formed in 2022 to identify and arrest the most active and dangerous offenders committing the most violent crimes including murder, rape and robbery has been very successful. He recommended reading *The Gift of Fear* by Galvin DeBecker. He also suggested being aware of surroundings and trusting instincts when outside to keep oneself safe. Call 911 if feel unsafe or see something dangerous happening. Call Crime Check to report other concerns.

Colin Quinn-Hurst from City Planning Services gave an update on the Bicycle Priority Network Study. The bicycle priority network supports the future goals and policies of the city's comprehensive plan, prioritizes bicycle infrastructure, and assists in project selection for grant funding. Find details about the network and the chance to comment at:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/bicycle-priority-network/>

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Next meeting will be held in person at 6 p.m. at the Southside Community Center on March 19 at 6-7:30 pm. There will be a special meeting following the regular meeting for a presentation of the Altamont Loop Study. This meeting will start at 7:30.